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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Fabrice Vitry, Ana Pinto, Ivica Sekulovic
Serial Number: 10/001,479
Filed: November 11, 2001
For: LATCHING DEVICE
Art Unit: 3627
Examiner: (not known)
Attny Docket No: 283-01
Confirmation No: 1380

PETITION UNDER 35 USC 118 TO ACCEPT SUBSTITUTE SIGNATURE

Commissioner Of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

1. Pursuant to 35 USC 118 and 37 CFR 1.47, SOUTHCO, INC. a corporation of the State of Delaware, and having its principal place of business at 210 North Brinton Lake Road, Concordville, Pennsylvania 19331, asserts that it was the employer of all three of the inventors of the invention of the above-referenced patent application, and hereby petitions the Commissioner to accept the signature of Allen Riblett, Patent Coordinator for Southco, Inc. in substitution for the signature of Ivica Sekulovic, who has left the employment of Southco, Inc. and is unavailable to execute the Declaration and Power of Attorney for this application.
2. Attached as Exhibit "A" hereto is a photocopy of the executed Declaration and Power of Attorney signed by Fabrice Vitry, the first named inventor on this application.
3. Attached as Exhibit "B" hereto is photocopy of the executed Declaration and Power of Attorney signed by Ana Pinto, the second named inventor on this application.
4. Attached as Exhibit "C" hereto is a photocopy of the Notice of Missing Parts issued by the U.S. Patent Office.

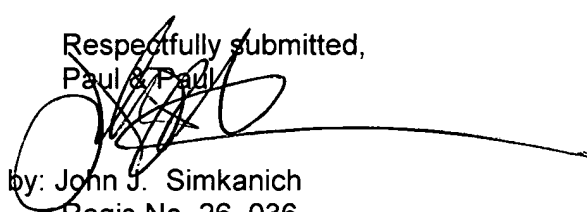
5. Attached as Exhibit "D" is a Declaration of Allen Riblett, Patent Coordinator for Southco, Inc. attesting to the bona fide attempts and diligent effort made to contact Ivica Sekulovic and to secure the execution of the Declaration and Power of Attorney. Attached as an exhibit to Mr. Riblett's Declaration is a photocopy of the confidentiality agreement executed by Ivica Sekulovic, in which the inventor Sekulovic agreed in writing to assign all inventions to Southco, Inc. as a condition of employment and to execute all papers necessary to perfect any patent application.

6. Attached as Exhibit "E" is the Declaration and Power of Attorney executed by Allen Riblett for unavailable inventor Ivica Sekulovic.

7. For all of the above-cited reasons, it is requested that this petition be granted, the substitute declaration executed by Allen Riblett for Ivica Sekulovic be accepted, and that the application be passed onto examination.

Date: May 22, 2002

Respectfully submitted,
Paul & Paul

by: 
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INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AGREEMENT

In recognition of the importance of intellectual property developed by and on behalf of Southco, Inc. ("Southco"), and in consideration of my employment by Southco and other valuable consideration, intending to be legally bound, I agree as follows:

1. I will keep all business records and trade secrets of Southco, including all confidential information owned by or in the possession of Southco, secret and confidential. I recognize valuable assets of Southco's business. I will not use Southco confidential information other than in an authorized manner in the course of Southco's business and will not divulge such information to unauthorized persons either while I am an employee of Southco or afterwards. I will disclose to prospective employers my obligations under this Agreement before accepting a new position in order to avoid a conflict of interest.
2. I will disclose promptly and fully to Southco any and all inventions, discoveries and improvements, whether patentable or not, conceived or made by me alone or jointly with others, and all works of authorship created by me during my employment and relating to the business of Southco. I assign all of my right, title and interest therein to Southco and will execute all documents necessary to enable Southco to secure patents or copyright registrations in the United States or any foreign country, or to otherwise protect Southco's interest therein. My obligations shall continue after my employment with regard to inventions, discoveries and improvements conceived or made by me during my employment by Southco.
3. I will, on termination of my employment, return to Southco all papers, notes, electronic files, disks, computers, drawings or other documents and property belonging to Southco or relating to its business.

Executed in Somerset Manufacturing this 28 day of May 1999.

SOUTHCO, INC.

Isica Lebulovic
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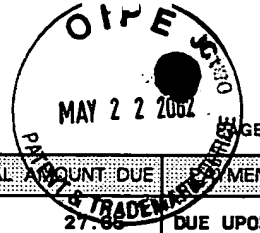
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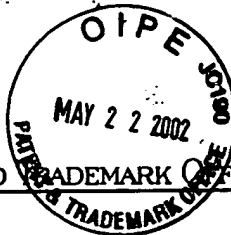
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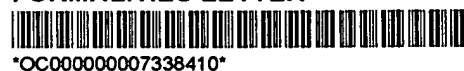
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10/001,479	11/01/2001	Fabrice Vitry	283-01

CONFIRMATION NO. 1380

FORMALITIES LETTER



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Paul & Paul
2900 Two thousand Market Street
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Date Mailed: 01/22/2002

NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is unsigned.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(l) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 130.

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 because:
 - drawing sheets do not have the appropriate margin(s) (see 37 CFR 1.84(g)). Each sheet must include a top margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a left side margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a right side margin of at least 1.5 cm. (5/8 inch), and a bottom margin of at least 1.0 cm. (3/8 inch);

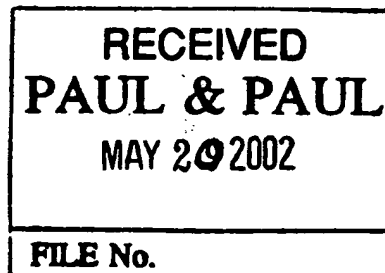
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Dear Melissa:

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He began working at Latimer Technologies in August 2001.

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John J. Simkanich

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